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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed March 20, 2007 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

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### **SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS**

1. ☐ If checked, an abstract (an amended abstract) is submitted herewith.
2. ☐ If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
3. ☐ If checked, amendment(s) to the specification are submitted herewith.
4. ☒ If checked, amendment(s) to the claims are submitted herewith.